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ELEVEN NATIONS DRAWN INTO GREAT WAR THAT SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE BALKANS

WHITMAN HIS OWN JUDGE OF M'CALL, HE ASSERTS, AS HEARING APPROACHES

Governor Says Commissioner Will Stay if Charges Are Not Sustained.

RESIGNATION RUMOR.

Albany Hears P. S. Chairman Will Quit After Defending Himself Before Governor.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.) ALBANY, Nov. 30.—"I don't give a damn what the town thinks," said Gov. Whitman to-day to The Evening World correspondent, speaking of the revelations concerning Chairman McCall of the Public Service Commission. The Governor swore as emphatically and fluently as ministers' sons are supposed to do in fable and not in reality. He smashed his right fist into the palm of his left hand. His jaw squared. His teeth snapped. His face flushed.

"I am going to decide this case myself," he continued. "If they have got the goods on McCall he will have to go; if they haven't, he won't."

The Governor said this at 12:30 o'clock to-day while standing in the Executive Chamber of the Capitol, commonly called the "Big Room." He had finished a session with the Budget Committee and a brief talk with State Architect Pilcher. These seemingly trivial details are inserted merely as incidentals in case of gubernatorial lapse of memory.

The hearing before the Governor is staged for Friday noon in the Executive Chamber. It is whispered about the Capitol that McCall will defiantly face his accusers, defend himself and then resign. This will relieve the Governor of rendering a verdict against his friend and also enable McCall to "save his face." Thus everybody's feelings will be protected. The Governor will listen to McCall's defense and then reserve decision, as judges of the courts say. It is during this period of incubation and consideration that McCall can have opportunity of resigning.

McCall's request for postponing his hearing from Tuesday to Friday was because he had not completed his defense and wanted more time to work over a speech.

As for the other Public Service Commissioners, the dismissal of Wood soon after charges are preferred is considered in official circles as certain.

NO FURTHER CHARGES UNTIL M'CALL'S FATE HAS BEEN DECIDED.

Chairman Thompson of the legislative committee which is investigating the Public Service Commission made the following statement this afternoon regarding Chairman McCall, his obtaining of a delay from Gov. Whitman of the hearing of the charges against him and his refusal to allow his bank accounts shown: "On Saturday Judge McCall wrote the Governor asking for a delay. He knew when before the committee yesterday that his request was pending."

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THREE TRAPPED TRYING TO 'HOOK' MONEY IN BANK

Detectives Nab Trio in New Netherland Bank About to Fish for Wealth.

TRAILED FOR HOURS.

Police Believe Prisoners Are Members of Band Which Has Stolen Many Thousands.

Three men suspected by the police of being members of a band which has stolen \$125,000 from New York banks since Jan. 1 were arrested in a spectacular manner at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the New Netherland Bank of New York, No. 41 West Thirty-fourth Street. Detectives Finnan, Reilly and Daly had trailed the men to three banks, where they are said to have tried to rob the paying tellers' windows by what is known to the police as the "one-and-hook" game. Then the trio was followed by the detectives to the Silver Motor Company, Fifty-seventh Street and Broadway, where they stood near the cashier's window for a half hour, after which they strolled down to Thirty-fourth Street, where they entered the New Netherland Bank.

Many women were in the place at the time. The three went to the paying teller's window and were trying to get a package of bills there when seized, according to the detectives. The prisoners put up a fight and there was excitement in the corridor of the bank.

At Police Headquarters they gave their names as William Elliott, twenty-seven years old, a machinist, living at the Hotel Endicott; Charles Hoffman, twenty-two, a clerk, and William Clark, twenty-four, a book-maker.

Inspector Gray recognized all of them as "bank workers," he said. "Clark, the police say the records show, was arrested in Syracuse April 22, 1912, as a sneak thief. Clark says he was acquitted of this charge. He gave his address as No. 610 Riverside Drive.

For several months Pinkerton detectives have been on the lookout for a band of bank robbers who on Feb. 9 got \$100,000 from the Union Dime Savings Bank in Brooklyn; on Nov. 3, \$25,000 from the Bronx Borough Bank, No. 416 Tremont Avenue; on Nov. 15, \$1,500 from the Columbus Trust Company, and who also raided the paying teller's window of several other institutions. Suspicion was directed to the three men seized to-day, and the Central Office men were called in on the case.

Finnan, Reilly and Daly "poked the trio up" in a Broadway Hotel this morning and followed them to the Columbus Bank, Eighty-first Street and Columbus Avenue, where the detectives watched the suspects later around the paying teller's window for a time, exchange signals and go away. The detectives followed them to the Gotham Bank, Fifty-ninth Street and Columbus Circle, where, the police say, Clark spoke to the paying teller and Elliott led him into the woman's booth, which adjoins the teller's cage. The sleuths then trailed the trio to the office of the Motor company and from there to the Bank of New Netherland.

There Clark asked the paying teller to change a \$50 bill, and at the same time Hoffman began joking with a bank employee. Meanwhile, Elliott drew from under his coat a bamboo cane with a hook attached to it, the detective say, and was trying to fish a pile of bills over to the window when all three were seized.

CARNEGIE SWEARS OFF \$5,000,000 IN TAX ASSESSMENT

"Not Public's Business," Says Purdy When He Is Asked About It.

BOOKS KEPT CLOSED.

Millionaire Is Relieved of Entire Personal Levy Board Fixed.

Andrew Carnegie has sworn off his personal tax assessment of \$5,000,000, but President Lawson Purdy of the Board of Tax Commissioners refused point blank this afternoon to let the public know on what ground this was done. Not long ago Mr. Purdy took a similar attitude, refusing to give out any information until ordered to do so by Mayor Mitchell. It happens that the Mayor has not yet returned to his official duties and therefore cannot be again appealed to.

The head of the Tax Board takes the attitude that the reasons for the Carnegie swear-off are none of the public's business. Section 1545 of the Charter of the City of New York emphatically states that all records, except those of the Police and Law Departments, shall be published.

When it was learned that Carnegie had sworn off his entire \$5,000,000 assessment, Mr. Purdy was asked by a reporter for The Evening World if he might look at the swear-off examination paper which is on file in Mr. Purdy's office. Mr. Purdy refused permission.

"Don't you think the public is entitled to know upon what grounds Mr. Carnegie's assessment was wiped completely off your books?" Mr. Purdy was asked.

"No; I don't think the public is entitled to that information," replied Mr. Purdy.

"Aren't those papers public records?" he was then asked.

"No, they're not public records, and you can say that that applies to all examination papers," was the reply.

"Will you state your personal grounds for refusing to show these records?"

"Rule of the office," replied Purdy. "To-day is the last for swearing off personal taxes. As a result the Tax Department in the ninth floor of the Municipal Building was jammed. It was said to-day that when the 1916 personal tax collections shall all have been made, about \$500,000,000 will represent the personal property valuation on which personal taxes may be levied at the prevailing tax rate in the several boroughs. Some tax officials say the \$500,000,000 in which the total valuations have been reduced may prove too conservative. This year the city is collecting on \$322,000,000 valuation."

POWDER EXPLOSION KILLS 1; INJURES 7

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 30.—As a result of an explosion of a large quantity of powder in the prismatic mill of the upper yards of the Du Pont Powder Company, near this city, to-day, James Ralph, a young man of Du Pont's family, is reported dead. Seven men are in Wilmington hospital, badly injured, that they are unable to give their names. Their condition is so serious that the physicians have little hope of their recovery. The cause of the explosion is a mystery, as the conditions at the time were normal.

Dumb Girl Who Learns To Speak at 16 Years Has Many Talents



KATHERINE MAY FRICK

Kathyrne Frick, Also Deaf and Blind, Is Considered Another Helen Keller.

(Special to The Evening World.) PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—"I will be sixteen years old on Thursday and I am going to give my friends a treat."

The words were spoken slowly, with emphasis on each syllable, but in a voice true in quality and alive with expression by Kathyrne May Frick, known as the deaf, dumb and blind ward of the State, for whose education the Pennsylvania Legislature makes an appropriation at each session.

The words were actually spoken, they were not mumbled or chattered. They were fairly clear and clean cut, and they carried with them the joy and insatiable love for life of a normal girl, who is on the eve of celebrating her sixteenth birthday.

Seven years ago, when Kathyrne Frick entered the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Mount Airy, she could not utter a syllable. She made unintelligible sounds, her mind was absolutely undeveloped, her body was frail and every nerve in her unstrung little frame was quivering with excitement. She was like a shy wild animal. She had no power, no stability, no direction. To-day she is a well developed, well-set-up girl of sixteen, with a keen light of intelligence shining in her face that reflects the working of an active brain.

Of all the miracles that education and patient, persistent training, coupled with scientific care have wrought in the State's little ward, none is so wonderful as the development of her power of speech. Instead of answering in the sign language the questions that are spelled into her hand or that she gathers with her delicate fingers from the lips of her questioner or from the vibrations of the throat of the speaker, the girl replies in words that ring out clearly and that are marvels of enunciation considering that she is totally deaf and has not heard a word uttered since her baby days.

Kathyrne Frick is above grade in many of her studies. She speaks and writes better English than most of the children in the highest grade in the school. She is a wizard with her fingers. Her latest accomplishment

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FOUR BIG DRIVES AT ONCE ON BALKAN BATTLEFIELDS BY ENORMOUS ALLIED ARMIES

French, British, Italians, Russians, Serbs, Montenegrins and Roumanians Unite for Great Struggle With Teutons, Bulgars and Turks.

KITCHENER AND FRENCH BOTH AT BRITISH CAPITAL.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30.—Germany expects attacks in the Balkans on all four sides. The attacks will be resisted by Bulgars and Turks and Teutonic troops.

This will bring eleven nations into the hostilities on the Balkan battlefields, with British, French, Serbs, Italians, Montenegrins, Russians and Roumanians lined up on one side and the Germans, Austro-Hungarians, Bulgars and Turks on the other.

The German Emperor's visit to the Austro-Hungarian ruler Monday is believed here to have related to plans for the defense. The Rome story that Austria seeks a separate peace and William visited Vienna to fight such a move is not taken very seriously.

FRANCE CALLS 250,000 YOUTHS TO COLORS

Chamber of Deputies Votes to Send Boys of 18 Years to Trenches.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The class of 1917 was called to the colors by a vote which passed the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The 1917 class call sends all boys of eighteen into the trenches. It means an addition of 250,000 to the French fighting force.

The Socialists in the Chamber put up a desperate fight to prevent the summons.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

The Dotterel, Built in 1904, Reported Sent to the Bottom.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The British steamship Dotterel has been sunk, presumably by a submarine. The Dotterel, 1,586 tons gross and 270 feet long, was built in 1907 at Newcastle and was owned in Cork.

BRITISH FLEET SHELLS GERMANS IN BELGIUM

Two-Hour Bombardment To-Day Along the Coast From Ostend to Zeebrugge.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—German positions on the Belgian coast from Zeebrugge to Ostend were bombarded for two hours this morning by a British squadron, according to a Reuters despatch from Amsterdam.

New Spanish Cabinet Takes Oath. LISBON, Nov. 30.—Premier Costa's reorganized Cabinet was sworn into office to-day.

The Berlin General Staff is understood to look for Balkan attacks as follows:

Russians and perhaps Roumanians on the north. Russian attempts at a landing on the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast. French and British and the remnant of Serbs in the South. Italians and Montenegrins, through Albania, in the west. The Bulgars are counted on to defend their own northern frontier. Germans and as many Turks as may be needed will fill in the gaps. Turks are scheduled to guard the Black Sea Coast.

Turks, it is believed, will predominate against the allies in the south, with strong German detachments and enough Bulgars to represent Bulgaria's claim to possession of Serbian Macedonia.

Austrians will be called on to oppose the expected Italian advance through Albania.

No serious German drive against England's possessions in Asia or Africa are anticipated until the Kaiser's Balkan position has been secured.

SERBS AND ALLIES REPORTED IN FLIGHT BY THE BULGARIANS.

SOFIA, Bulgaria (via Berlin and London), Nov. 30.—The Bulgars are pushing their conquest of Serbian Macedonia rapidly toward the Greek Frontier, the war officials stated to-day.

The southern Serbs and French are reported in general retreat, and the British are in too small force to figure seriously in the fighting.

The main Bulgar movement is along the Priepol-Manastir road, in the direction of the latter town. The last Serb position at Oranjestok, a critical point in the Monastir operations, was occupied by the Bulgars Friday.

The French, falling back along the Cernea River, are burning bridges in an attempt to check the Bulgar pursuit.

VIENNA (via Berlin and London), Nov. 30.—Austria has launched a campaign against Montenegro similar to that which has just ended in Serbia. Operations began on the mountain kingdom's northeastern frontier, from the Sanjak of Novibazar. The Austro-Hungarian forces are reported already across the River Lim, which